

Maritime Domain Awareness

Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) is the effective knowledge of all activities and elements in the maritime domain that threaten the safety, security or environment of the United States or its citizens.

MDA enables prevention, which is a cornerstone of our security strategy. MDA draws on intelligence sources and leverages existing databases to gain effective knowledge of all vessel activity in the maritime domain, including knowledge of crew and passengers as well as cargo. The objective is to employ this new level of awareness to allow legitimate commerce to move through the Western Rivers unimpeded while detecting and responding to suspicious activity before it can threaten our homeland. With greater involvement of the entire maritime community, we can increase security and protect our maritime transportation system.

The Captain of the Port Pittsburgh seeks your help in securing our Homeland.

IMPORTANT WEB SITES

Marine Safety Office Pittsburgh, PA
<http://www.uscg.mil/d8/mso/pittsburgh>

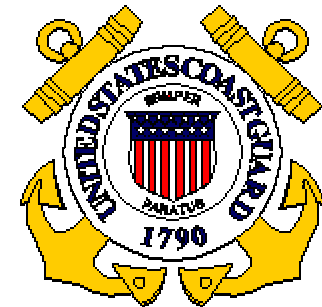
Coast Guard Marine Safety &
Environmental Protection Page
www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/gmhome.htm

U.S. Coast Guard Home Page
www.uscg.mil

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
www.dhs.gov

HOMELAND SECURITY

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP



U.S. Coast Guard
Marine Safety Office Pittsburgh
100 Forbes Avenue Suite 1150
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
(412) 644-5808

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:

1. Unknown person photographing facilities or vessels.
2. Unknown persons trying to access facilities or vessels.
3. Suspicious people establishing roadside business close to facilities.
4. Unknown persons calling and asking questions about security, personnel, or standard operating procedures.
5. Unknown persons loitering near vessels or facilities for extended periods.
6. Vehicles or boats loitering near facilities or vessels.
7. Unknown persons asking questions about visits by Coast Guard or other governmental agency personnel.
8. Any bomb threat to port facilities or vessels.
9. Suspicious vendors.
10. Theft of any facility vehicle, passes, identification, uniforms, or standard operating procedures.
11. Any theft of documents or architectural plans.
12. Suspicious workmen attempting to gain access to facilities or vessels to repair, replace, or install equipment.
13. Suspicious emails attempting to obtain information about facilities, personnel, or standard operating procedures.
14. Suspicious package drop-offs.
15. Anti-American pamphlets, or flyers distributed to employees, or placed on car windshields.
16. Suspicious activities at a marina or boat ramp, especially recreational boats or fishing vessels engaged in activity not related to pleasure or legitimate commercial activity.

WHAT TO REPORT

Marine Safety Office Pittsburgh needs your help to combat domestic terrorism. In order to improve our collective ability to gain situational awareness locally, please ask your employees and security personnel to gather as much accurate and detailed information as possible whenever they observe anything unusual or suspicious. Here is a list of some of the types of specific information we need:

- Name
- Address
- Passport ID number
- Drivers license number
- Boat registration number
- License plate number
- Make, model and color of vehicle
- Description of person (height, weight, gender, race, age, clothing, etc.)
- Any scars, marks, or tattoos
- As much information as possible about the suspicious activity

HOW TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

If you see suspicious activity, call our local Coast Guard Office or the local FBI field office.

U.S. Coast Guard MSO Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA
(412) 644-5808

U.S. Coast Guard Group Ohio Valley
Louisville, KY
(800) 253-7465

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pittsburgh, PA
(412) 432-1000

If a terrorist event has occurred, or is imminent, call the National Response Center:

1-800-424-8802

Option #2